

Attn: Amber Crooks
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Conservancy of Southwest Florida
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Subject: Florida Application for Approval of State 404 Program, 40 CFR § 233.15(e)

Amber Crooks:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter stating your interest as a stakeholder in EPA's potential future review of an application by the state of Florida to administer its own individual and general permit program for the discharge of dredged or fill material into assumable waters.

As an interested party, you will receive notice when EPA determines a state program submission is complete. This notice shall:

- (1) Provide for a comment period of not less than 45 days during which interested members of the public may express their views on the State program.
- (2) Provide for a public hearing within the State to be held not less than 30 days after notice of hearing is published in the Federal Register;
- (3) Indicate where and when the State's submission may be reviewed by the public;
- (4) Indicate whom an interested member of the public with questions should contact; and
- (5) Briefly outline the fundamental aspects of the State's proposed program and the process for EPA review and decision.

Thank you for your interest in helping us with our mission of protecting human health and the environment

Sincerely,

Jeaneanne M. Gettle, Director
Water Protection Division

cc: See Enclosed List